



ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING O'NEILL ROOM  
4/17/19 7:30 PM

**ATTENDEES:**

Gibian*	White	Harmer*	Kellar*	McKenna*
	Wallach*		Tosti*	
Ellis*	Foskett*	Deyst	Duvadie*	
	Beck*	Jones*	Deshler*	
Franclemont*	Howard*	LaCourt*	Carman*	Diggins*

\*Indicates present

**VISITORS:** None

1. MINUTES of 3/27/19 already approved.

The Chair stated that for various reasons to be explained, 4 articles need to be revoted.

2. ART 56 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: The expected FY20 salary increases for the 2 Police unions that have not settled must be included in this appropriation.

VOTED \$337,624 Unanimous.

3. ART 67 WATER BODIES: The Warrant Article requested \$50k. At the hearing the proponents requested \$60k. This is beyond the scope of the article. The water bodies fund has sufficient reserves.

VOTED \$50k Unanimous

4. ART 72 OVERLAY RESERVE: The Town Manager has recommended an additional much larger transfer, \$2.5m, based on a review of the size of the reserve. This is enough to contribute to postponing the need for an override for an additional year. The vote on 3/11 was for \$200k that is in line with previous years.

VOTED that a transfer of \$200k be used when setting the tax rate (as voted on 3/11) and a transfer of \$2.5m be added to the Fiscal Stability Fund. Unanimous

5. ART 77 FISCAL STABILITY FUND: The Chair proposed a contingent vote

a. If the override does not pass, \$2,475,490 be withdrawn from the Fund and used to set the tax rate. and,

b. If the \$5.5m override does pass, \$2,174,510 be added to the fund. The rest of the override, \$850k, would support the SB promises: \$50k COA Transportation, \$600k Schools, \$200k DPW. These funds would be attached to the 3 budgets “contingent on passing the override”.

Members expressed concern that spending override money in this way will increase the structural deficit.

Amendment: If any of the contingency appropriations fails, the corresponding funds shall be deposited in the Fiscal Stability Fund.

The Chair promised to make this happen should any of the contingencies not be approved by Town Meeting.

Members expressed concern that the use of the contingency funds is not sufficiently detailed.

VOTED to approve the contingency budgets as presented above. 14-1

6. Shall the FinCom support the SB override plan? The Chair stated that the SB was almost sure to approve, 5 to 0, the plan discussed above and has asked for FinCom support. A lengthy discussion followed. Members offered opinions, both pro and con as well as general FinCom prosess. See summary below.

Pro:

A large volunteer campaign effort has begun for both debt exclusion and override. It is more efficient to combine these efforts than to have separate elections.

It is more honest to show all the needs than to concentrate on just one.

Schools need more money for social workers, nurses, and libraries.

The debt exclusion & the override will be separate independent questions.

The FinCom has provided support on previous overrides.

Con:

There is no urgent need for an override now.

The plan will worsen the structural deficit.

Future overrides will be larger.

The plan will risk voter approval of a new AHS, an urgent need.

General:

The FinCom does influence policy, for example Ice & Snow, ACAC, Water Bodies.

The FinCom is authorized by bylaw to recommend action on Town affairs.

This is a political question that is not appropriate for an appointed FinCom involvement.

VOTED to support the SB's plan. 8 yes, 7 no.

7. The printed FinCom Report will be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> night of Town Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Peter Howard 4/18/19  
Revised 4/20/19

Ref 1 Appendix C Budget Summary w/o Override

Ref 2 Appendix C Budget Summary w/ Override

Ref 1

**APPENDIX C**  
**Summary of Finance Committee Recommendations**  
**Fiscal Year 2020 - Without Override**

REVENUES		APPROPRIATIONS		ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
<b>PROPERTY TAX DETAIL</b>		<b>BUDGETS (Article 57)</b>		<b>A. WATER &amp; SEWER</b>	
113,696,347		Town Manager		Budget 5,065,387	
+2.5% 2,842,409		3 Town Manager 679,489		Capital 2,239,399	
New growth 650,000		4 Human Resources 346,440		Assessment 14,342,325	
Debt exclusions 5,434,563		5 Information Technology 910,503		Indirect charges 699,376	
Symmes debt exclusion (net of receipts) 0		6 Comptroller 340,598		Total expenses 22,346,487	
less MSBA receipts (476,523)		7 Treasurer-Collector 729,963		Total revenues 22,346,487	
MWRA debt 5,593,112		9 Board of Assessors 331,971		<b>Net surplus (deficit) 0</b>	
2019 Override 0		10 Legal 497,804		<b>B. RECREATION</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX</b> 127,739,908		14 Planning & Community Development 556,049		Budget 1,885,697	
<b>SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID (MSBA)</b>		15 Redevelopment Board 10,800		Capital 0	
Bishop 0		17 a. Public Works Administration 226,536		Total expenses 1,885,697	
Brackett 0		17 b. Engineering 221,100		Total revenues 1,885,697	
Hardy 0		17 c. Cemeteries 269,395		<b>Net surplus (deficit) 0</b>	
Peirce 476,523		17 d. Natural Resources & Field Maintenance 1,757,402		<b>C. ED BURNS ARENA</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXEMPT RECEIPTS</b> 476,523		17 e. Sanitation/Highway Division (inc snow & ice) 6,821,123		Budget 555,044	
Ottoson (non-exempt) 0		17 f. Motor Equipment Repair 448,891		Capital 101,278	
<b>TOTAL EXEMPT RECEIPTS</b> 476,523		17 g. Street lighting, traffic signals 220,000		Total expenses 656,322	
<b>LOCAL RECEIPTS DETAIL</b>		18 Facilities 752,512		Total revenues 656,322	
Motor vehicle excise 5,051,000		19 Police Services 8,240,568		<b>Net surplus (deficit) 0</b>	
Other excise - hotel 325,000		20 Fire Services 7,656,642		<b>D. COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION</b>	
Other excise - meals 400,000		21 Inspections 520,242		Budget 92,907	
Penalties & interest 355,000		23 Libraries 2,497,918		Total revenues 92,907	
Payments in lieu of taxes 18,000		24 a. Health and Human Services Administration 683,770		From general fund 0	
Fees 935,000		24 b. Veterans' Services 380,218		<b>Net surplus (deficit) 0</b>	
Rentals 373,000		24 c. Council on Aging 324,610		<b>E. ARLINGTON YOUTH COUNCILING SVCS</b>	
Dept revenue - schools 100,000		<b>Total Town Manager</b> 35,424,544		Budget 740,358	
Dept revenue - libraries 49,000		<b>Select Board</b>		Total revenues 620,358	
Dept revenue - cemeteries 265,000		2 a. Administration and Licensing 284,034		From general fund 120,000	
Dept revenue - recreation 0		2 c. Printing Town Reports ** 0		<b>Net surplus (deficit) 0</b>	
Other departmental revenue 200,000		2 d. Accounting and Auditing 78,000		<b>ENTERPRISE FUND SUMMARY</b>	
Licenses and permits 1,705,000		13 Parking 59,019		Budget 8,339,393	
Special assessments 0		16 Zoning Board of Appeals 34,491		Capital 2,340,677	
Fines and forfeits 30,000		<b>Total Select Board</b> 455,544		Assessment 14,342,325	
Investment income 65,000		<b>Town Clerk</b>		Indirect charges 699,376	
Medicare Part D 0		11 Town Clerk 277,135		Total expenses 25,721,774	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS</b> 9,871,000		12 Board of Registrars 72,108		Total revenues 25,601,771	
		<b>Total Town Clerk</b> 349,243		Total from general fund 120,000	
<b>LOCAL AID ("CHERRY SHEET") DETAIL</b>		<b>Retirement</b>		<b>Net surplus (deficit) 0</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		25 a Contributory Pensions 11,337,478		<b>SUMMARY</b>	
Education 13,979,327		25 b Non-Contributory Pensions 18,468		<b>SUMMARY OF 2020 REVENUES</b>	
Chapter 70 Charter Tuition Assessment Reimbursement 14,364		<b>Total Pensions</b> 11,355,946		Property Tax Levy (n/l Symmes) 127,739,908	
<b>Offset Receipts</b>		<b>Fixed Budgets</b>		Local Aid Receipts n/l MSBA 22,439,702	
School Lunch Assistance 0		26 Insurance 17,891,836		School Construction Aid (MSBA) 476,523	
School Choice Receiving Tuition 0		8 Postage 187,691		Local Receipts 9,871,000	
<b>Total Education</b> 13,993,691		2 b. Elections and Town Meeting 118,726		Overlay reserve surplus (Art 72) 2,700,000	
<b>General Government</b>		27 Reserve Fund 1,604,584		Override stab. fund (Article 77) 2,475,490	
Additional Assistance 0		<b>Total Fixed Budgets</b> 19,802,837		Health Claims Trust Fund 300,000	
Total unrestricted gen'l gov't 8,056,055		1 Finance Committee 10,650		Use of free cash (Art 74) 5,559,782	
Annual Formula Local Aid 0		22 Education * 70,827,139		<b>TOTAL OF 2020 REVENUES</b> 171,562,405	
Veterans' Benefits 206,676		<b>TOTAL BUDGETS (Art 57)</b> 138,225,903			
Exemptions: Vets, blind, Elderly, etc. 125,356				<b>SUMMARY OF 2020 EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>Offset Receipts</b>		<b>TOTAL BUDGETS</b>		Town budgets (Article 57) 67,398,764	
Public Libraries 57,924		<b>OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		School budget (Article 57) 70,827,139	
<b>Total General Government</b> 8,446,011		55 Positions reclassification 11,360		Capital plan (Article 58) 13,196,044	
Total Estimated Receipts 22,439,702		56 Collective Bargaining 337,624		Warrant articles 1,708,290	
Ch 70 add from SFSF 0		63 Minuteman Regional School 5,384,690		Minuteman Regional School 5,384,690	
School Construction (MSBA) 476,523		64 Arlington Historical Commission 2,660		Enterprise Funds 120,000	
Local Aid Receipts inc MSBA 22,916,225		64 Historic District Commissions 5,100		MWRA debt service 5,593,112	
<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>		64 Capital Planning Committee 0		MBTA assessment 3,045,955	
State Assessments and Charges		64 Disabilities Commission 25,000		Educ. & Library offset receipts 57,924	
Retired Employee's Health Insurance 0		64 Recycling Committee 3,000		Charter/choice tuitions 265,733	
Air Pollution Districts 17,772		64 Human Rights Commission 7,500		Other state assessments 91,529	
Metropolitan Area Planning Council 23,998		64 LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission 4,000		Reserve for court judgements 100,000	
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge 33,480		64 Tourism & Econ. Development 4,275		Symmes urban renewal 673,225	
<b>Total Assess. &amp; Charges</b> 75,250		64 Envision Arlington (was Vision 2020) 3,000		Snow & ice deficit 0	
<b>Transportation Authorities</b>		64 Transportation Advisory 2,000		Overlay reserve 600,000	
MBTA 3,045,228		64 Scenic Byway 2,000		Overlay reserve surplus (Art 72) 2,500,000	
Boston Metro. Transit District 727		65 Town Day 5,000		Override stab. fund (Article 77) 0	
<b>Total MBTA Assessment</b> 3,045,955		65 Flags on graves of veterans 4,500		<b>TOTAL OF 2020 EXPENDITURE:</b> 171,562,405	
Annual Charges Against Receipts		65 Veteran's Mem., Patriot's Day 5,667			
Special Education 16,279		66 Indemnification, medical costs 10,821			
<b>Total Annual Charges</b> 16,279		66 Legal defense fund 0			
<b>Tuition Assessments</b>		67 Water bodies (Cons Comm) 50,000			
School Choice Sending Tuition 61,860		69 "Harry Barber" Community Service program 7,500			
Charter School Sending Tuition 203,873		71 Retiree health insurance (OPEB) 936,982			
<b>Total Tuition Assessments</b> 265,733		75 Cannabis mitigation fund 1			
<b>Total Estimated Charges</b> 3,403,217		76 Long term stabilization fund 100,000			
NET LOCAL AID 19,036,485		S3 Future zoning bylaw amendments 70,000			
		S5 Design/build guidelines 50,000			
		S6 Mugar legal defense 25,000			
		<b>TOTAL OTHER ARTICLES</b> 7,092,980			
		<b>TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b> 158,514,927			

**APPENDIX C**  
**Summary of Finance Committee Recommendations**  
**Fiscal Year 2020 - With \$5,500,000 Override**

**REVENUES****PROPERTY TAX DETAIL**

FY 2018 levy limit	113,696,347
+2.5%	2,842,409
New growth	650,000
Debt exclusions	5,434,563
Symmes debt exclusion (net of receipts)	0
less MSBA receipts	(476,523)
MWRA debt	5,593,112
2019 Override	5,500,000
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX</b>	<b>133,239,908</b>

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID (MSBA)**

Bishop	0
Brackett	0
Hardy	0
Peirce	476,523
<b>TOTAL EXEMPT RECEIPTS</b>	<b>476,523</b>
Ottoson (non-exempt)	0
<b>TOTAL EXEMPT RECEIPTS</b>	<b>476,523</b>

**LOCAL RECEIPTS DETAIL**

Motor vehicle excise	5,051,000
Other excise - hotel	325,000
Other excise - meals	400,000
Penalties & interest	355,000
Payments in lieu of taxes	18,000
Fees	935,000
Rentals	373,000
Dept revenue - schools	100,000
Dept revenue - libraries	49,000
Dept revenue - cemeteries	265,000
Dept revenue - recreation	0
Other departmental revenue	200,000
Licenses and permits	1,705,000
Special assessments	0
Fines and forfeits	30,000
Investment income	65,000
Medicare Part D	0
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>9,871,000</b>

**LOCAL AID ("CHERRY SHEET") DETAIL**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Education	
Chapter 70	13,979,327
Charter Tuition Assessment Reimbursement	14,364
<b>Offset Receipts</b>	
School Lunch Assistance	0
School Choice Receiving Tuition	0
Total Education	13,993,691
<b>General Government</b>	
Additional Assistance	0
Total unrestricted gen'l govt'	8,056,055
Annual Formula Local Aid	0
Veterans' Benefits	206,676
Exemptions: Vets, blind, Elderly, etc.	125,356
<b>Offset Receipts</b>	
Public Libraries	57,924
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>8,446,011</b>
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>22,439,702</b>
Ch 70 add from SFSF	0
School Construction (MSBA)	476,523
Local Aid Receipts inc MSBA	22,916,225

**ASSESSMENTS**

<b>State Assessments and Charges</b>	
Retired Employee's Health Insurance	0
Air Pollution Districts	17,772
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	23,998
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	33,480
<b>Total Assess. &amp; Charges</b>	<b>75,250</b>
<b>Transportation Authorities</b>	
MBTA	3,045,228
Boston Metro. Transit District	727
<b>Total MBTA Assessment</b>	<b>3,045,955</b>
<b>Annual Charges Against Receipts</b>	
Special Education	16,279
<b>Total Annual Charges</b>	<b>16,279</b>
<b>Tuition Assessments</b>	
School Choice Sending Tuition	61,860
Charter School Sending Tuition	203,873
<b>Total Tuition Assessments</b>	<b>265,733</b>
<b>Total Estimated Charges</b>	<b>3,403,217</b>
<b>NET LOCAL AID</b>	<b>19,036,485</b>

**APPROPRIATIONS****BUDGETS (Article 57)**

Town Manager	
3 Town Manager	679,489
4 Human Resources	346,440
5 Information Technology	910,503
6 Comptroller	340,598
7 Treasurer-Collector	729,963
9 Board of Assessors	331,971
10 Legal	497,804
14 Planning & Community Development	556,049
15 Redevelopment Board	10,800
17 a. Public Works Administration	226,536
17 b. Engineering	221,100
17 c. Cemeteries	269,395
17 d. Natural Resources & Field Maintenance	1,757,402
17 e. Sanitation/Highway Division (inc snow & ice)	7,021,123
17 f. Motor Equipment Repair	448,891
17 g. Street lighting, traffic signals	220,000
18 Facilities	752,512
19 Police Services	8,240,568
20 Fire Services	7,656,642
21 Inspections	520,242
23 Libraries	2,497,918
24 a. Health and Human Services Administration	683,770
24 b. Veterans' Services	380,218
24 c. Council on Aging	324,610
<b>Total Town Manager</b>	<b>35,624,544</b>

**Select Board**

2 a. Administration and Licensing	284,034
2 c. Printing Town Reports **	0
2 d. Accounting and Auditing	78,000
13 Parking	59,019
16 Zoning Board of Appeals	34,491
<b>Total Select Board</b>	<b>455,544</b>

**Town Clerk**

11 Town Clerk	277,135
12 Board of Registrars	72,108
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>349,243</b>

**Retirement**

25 a Contributory Pensions	11,337,478
25 b Non-Contributory Pensions	18,468
<b>25 Total Pensions</b>	<b>11,355,946</b>

**Fixed Budgets**

26 Insurance	17,891,836
8 Postage	187,691
2 b. Elections and Town Meeting	118,726
27 Reserve Fund	1,604,584
<b>Total Fixed Budgets</b>	<b>19,802,837</b>
1 Finance Committee	10,650
22 Education *	71,427,139
<b>TOTAL BUDGETS (Art 57)</b>	<b>139,025,903</b>

**WARRANT ARTICLES****TOTAL BUDGETS**

Total Budgets (Article 57)	- 139,025,903
Capital Budget (Article 58)	13,196,044

**OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES**

55 Positions reclassification	11,360
56 Collective Bargaining	337,624
63 Minuteman Regional School	5,384,690
64 Arlington Historical Commission	2,660
64 Historic District Commissions	5,100
64 Capital Planning Committee	0
64 Disabilities Commission	25,000
64 Recycling Committee	3,000
64 Human Rights Commission	7,500
64 LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission	4,000
64 Tourism & Econ. Development	4,275
64 Envision Arlington (was Vision 2020)	3,000
64 Transportation Advisory	2,000
64 Scenic Byway	2,000
64 Arlington Commission on Arts & Culture	35,000
64 Open Space Committee	300
65 Town Day	5,000
65 Flags on graves of veterans	4,500
65 Veteran's, Mem., Patriot's Day	5,667
66 Indemnification, medical costs	10,821
66 Legal defense fund	0
67 Water bodies (Cons Comm)	50,000
69 "Harry Barber" Community Service program	7,500
71 Retiree health insurance (OPEB)	936,982
75 Cannabis mitigation fund	1
76 Long term stabilization fund	100,000
S3 Future zoning bylaw amendments	70,000
S5 Design/build guidelines	50,000
S6 Mugar legal defense	25,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER ARTICLES</b>	<b>7,092,980</b>
<b>TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>159,314,927</b>

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS****A. WATER & SEWER**

Budget	5,065,387
Capital	2,239,399
Assessment	14,342,325
Indirect charges	699,376
Total expenses	22,346,487
Total revenues	22,346,487
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>

**B. RECREATION**

Budget	1,885,697
Capital	0
Total expenses	1,885,697
Total revenues	1,885,697
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>

**C. ED BURNS ARENA**

Budget	555,044
Capital	101,278
Total expenses	655,322
Total revenues	655,322
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>D.COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION</b>	
Budget	142,907
Total revenues	92,907
From general fund	50,000
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>

**E. ARLINGTON YOUTH COUNCILING SVCS**

Budget	740,358
Total revenues	620,358
From general fund	120,000
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>ENTERPRISE FUND SUMMARY</b>	
Budget	8,389,393
Capital	2,340,677
Assessment	14,342,325
Indirect charges	699,376
Total expenses	25,771,771
Total revenues	25,601,771
Total from general fund	170,000
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>SUMMARY OF 2020 REVENUES</b>	
Property Tax Levy (n/l Symmes)	133,239,908
Local Aid Receipts n/l MSBA	22,439,702
School Construction Aid (MSBA)	476,523
Local Receipts	9,871,000
Overlay reserve surplus (Art 72)	2,700,000
Override stab. fund (Article 77)	0
Health Claims Trust Fund	300,000
Use of free cash (Art 74)	5,559,782
<b>TOTAL OF 2020 REVENUES</b>	<b>174,586,915</b>

<b>SUMMARY OF 2020 EXPENDITURES</b>	
Town budgets (Article 57)	67,598,764
School budget (Article 57)	71,427,139
Capital plan (Article 58)	13,196,044
Warrant articles	1,708,290
Minuteman Regional School	5,384,690
Enterprise Funds	170,000
MWRA debt service	5,593,112
MBTA assessment	3,045,955
Ed. & Library offset receipts	57,924
Charter/choice tuitions	265,733
Other state assessments	91,529
Reserve for court judgements	100,000
Symmes urban renewal	673,225
Snow & ice deficit	0
Overlay reserve	600,000
Overlay reserve surplus (Art 72)	2,500,000
Override stab. fund (Article 77)	2,174,510
<b>TOTAL OF 2020 EXPENDITURE!</b> </	